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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, COMIREX

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : NPIC's View of Photo Intelligence Exploitation in the Seventies

1. We in the Center are looking forward to the new opportunities and challenges which we anticipate from the advent of the [redacted] system. 25X1 We are strengthening our capabilities to realize those opportunities by introducing new equipment and technology, by increasing the numerical strength of our photo interpreters, by reorganizing our PI work assignments, and by other measures. We also look forward to incrementing our capabilities through modernizing the ways in which we respond to the needs of the intelligence community. We wish to do this in collaboration with those who depend on the exploitation services which we can provide.

2. We believe that we should replace our current mission, bucket and target oriented reporting system with a flexible pattern of reporting which is subject oriented and time-phased in response to the currently identified needs of the members of the intelligence community. The following describes what we have in mind.

a. We would immediately exploit and issue reports on photo intelligence related to those situations and issues identified currently by members of the intelligence community as being of priority importance to U.S. foreign policies and defense programs.

b. Concurrently we would scan all film as received for photo intelligence which was not related to the identified situations and 25X1

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b. We would be searching -- for purposes of immediate exploitation and reporting -- more and larger terrain areas than we now do for first-phase read-out and OAK reporting purposes. Such searches would be for any activity -- or lack of activity -- which could add to understanding of the scope and timing of a currently identified situation or issue.

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c. We would continue to examine all photography of all COMIREX designated targets. But, for targets not related to situations and issues currently identified as of priority importance, we would report periodically on the basis of accumulated coverage rather than report each time those targets are seen. Also, we would organize such periodic reporting by subject-related targets and assign a frequency for reporting on each subject in accord with the indicated needs of our customers.

4. Such a pattern of reporting, subject oriented, time-phased, and flexible to changing needs, would require timely and responsive management by the Center. We believe that we can provide such management and that our intelligence customers would be better and more efficiently served if we reorient our exploitation and reporting pattern of work along the lines described.

5. In considering ways in which we could improve our services, we reviewed the National Tasking Plan for the Exploitation of Multi-sensor Imagery. In my opinion, the foregoing concepts [redacted] can be applied in ways, compatible with that 1967 document.

6. I invite your comments, and, if you agree with the indicated direction of change, I request your guidance as to how best to accomplish this in collaboration with those we serve.

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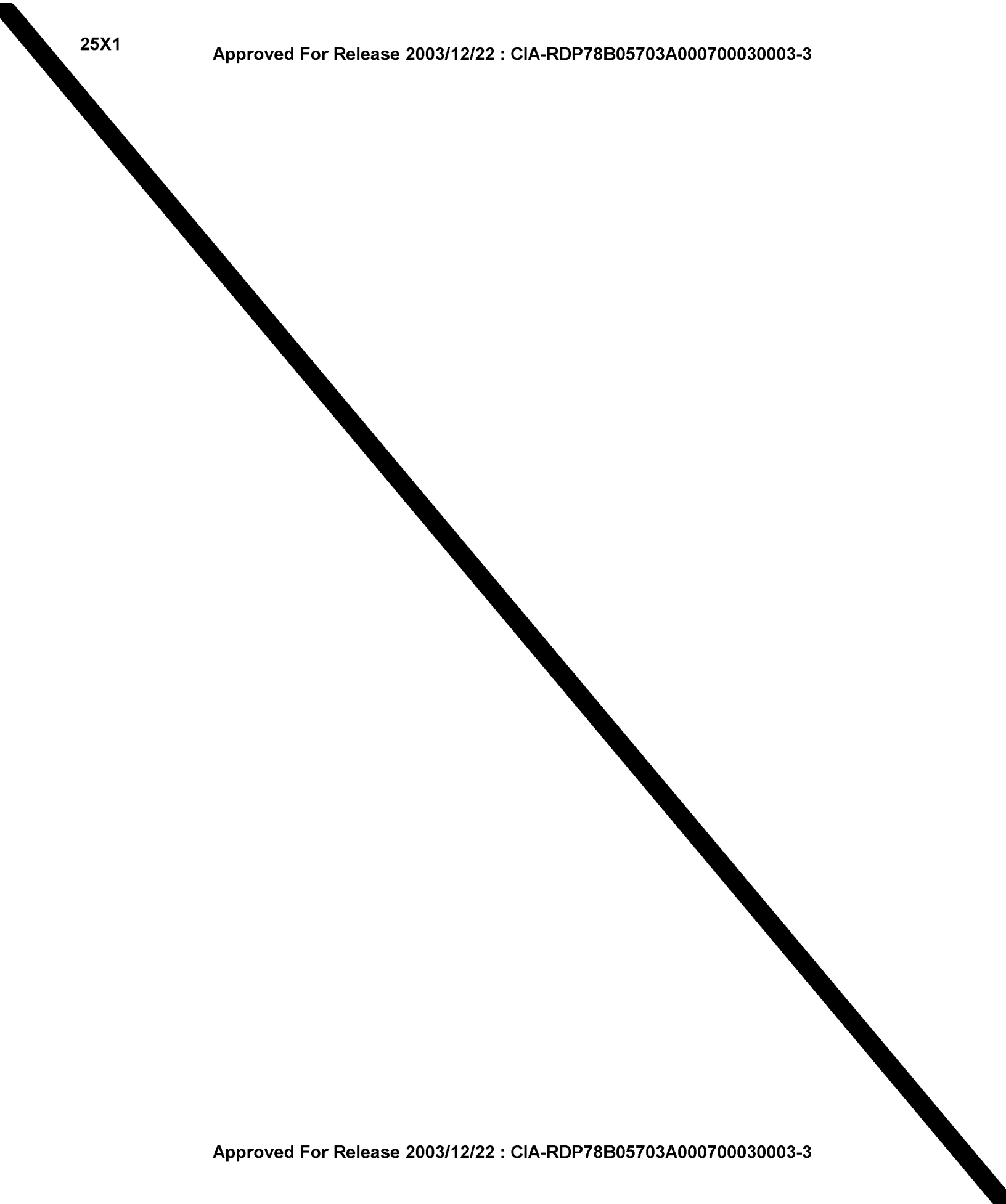

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